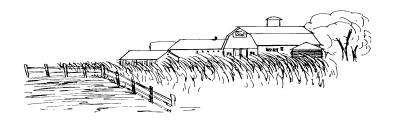


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2005 Winter Wheat Seedings

Utah winter wheat seeded area for the 2005 harvest is 135,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from 2004, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

Nationally winter wheat seeded area for 2005 is expected to total 41.6 million acres, down 4 percent from 2004. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 30.5 million; Soft Red Winter, 6.6 million; and White Winter, 4.5 million.